UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE NASHVILLE DIVISION

IN RE: REALPAGE, INC., RENTAL SOFTWARE ANTITRUST LITIGATION (NO. II) Case No. 3:23-MD-3071 MDL No. 3071

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Chief Judge Waverly D. Crenshaw, Jr.

DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY [DKT. 646]

Plaintiffs' Notice of Supplemental Authority regarding the recent decision *In Re: Marriott Int'l Customer Data Sec. Breach Litig.*, No. 19-MD-2879, 2023 WL 8247865 (D. Md. Nov. 29, 2023) improperly characterizes that case. The *Marriott* decision can easily be distinguished, and the Court should therefore disregard Plaintiffs' Notice.

First, the holding in *Marriott* turned on the fact that defendants had *waived* their right to enforce the class action waiver at issue by waiting to raise it until class certification. 2023 WL 8247865 at *4–5, 8. Plaintiffs have not argued waiver here. Unlike in *Marriott*, Defendants here have asserted the class waivers from the start. Mem. at 1, n.1 [Dkt. 591]. *Marriott* supports the timing of Defendants' motion.

Second, in *dicta*, the *Marriott* court noted its "reservations" about the parties' "Choice of Law and Venue" provision, largely based on its unique terms. 2023 WL 8247865, at *5–7. That provision differs markedly from the class waivers here. The *Marriott* waiver provision found in the choice of law and venue section restricted a *court* from adjudicating claims as a class; it did

not prohibit *plaintiffs* from bringing class actions. 2023 WL 8247865 at *4, 7 (explaining the provision at issue "seeks to limit this Court's own authority" and "[r]ather than referencing the parties, this provision purports to control the court's management of the litigation, i.e. will be handled individually"). The *Marriott* provision "prohibits any collective handling of the claims, including by class action. It is not merely a class action waiver." *Id.* at *5. Here, the Subject Plaintiffs explicitly agreed *not to bring class action claims*. Unlike the *Marriott* waivers which were buried in a choice of law and venue provision, the waivers here say nothing of the Court's authority. Exhibit 1-A at 45 (Watters) [Dkt. 590-1]; Exhibit 2-A at 56, 98, 142 (Weaver) [Dkt. 590-2]; Exhibit 3-A at 38 (Kabisch), 169 (Cherry f/k/a Christopher Berg) [Dkt. 590-3]; Exhibit 4-A at 15, Exhibit 4-B at 24, Exhibit 4-C at 27 (Vincin) [Dkt. 590-4]. Moreover, unlike the *Marriott* provision that was "buried" in the contract, 2023 WL 8247865 at *4, the majority of the class waivers were prominently featured in sections titled "Class Action Waiver" in the agreements Subject Plaintiffs entered.¹

Third, Plaintiffs rely on selective quotes from Judge Bailey's *Marriott* decision to support their position but fail to mention that the quoted portions of his opinion come from *Martrano v. Quizno's Franchise Co., L.L.C.*, No. 08-cv-932, 2009 WL 1704469, at *20–21 (W.D. Pa. June 15, 2009), an outlier case Plaintiffs already cited in their Opposition. As explained in Defendants' Reply, *Martrano* is an outlier, as two federal courts enforced under Colorado law the same class waiver from *Martrano*. Reply at 4, n.7. *Marriott* adds nothing new.

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¹ All waivers included bolded, underlined, and/or italicized language, the majority in all capital letters, to draw attention to the class waiver provisions. Exhibit 1-A at 45 (Watters) [Dkt. 590-1]; Exhibit 2-A at 56, 98, 142 (Weaver) [Dkt. 590-2]; Exhibit 3-A at 38 (Kabisch), 169 (Cherry f/k/a Christopher Berg) [Dkt. 590-3]; Exhibit 4-A at 15, Exhibit 4-B at 24, Exhibit 4-C at 27 (Vincin) [Dkt. 590-4].

Finally, the Fourth Circuit's pre-remand opinion in *Marriott* explains the effects of a class waiver and reinforces that Defendants' Motion should be granted. Without addressing the validity of the waiver at issue, the Fourth Circuit recognized that "by signing a valid and enforceable class waiver, as alleged here, a plaintiff promises not to cross that line – to give up, in exchange for some contractual benefit, the right to proceed by way of an 'actual class action." *In re Marriott Int'l, Inc.*, 78 F.4th 677, 686 (4th Cir. 2023). In doing so, the Fourth Circuit relied on cases Defendants cited in Defendants' brief. *See* Mem. at 12 n.11 (collecting cases enforcing standalone class waivers); Mem. at 20 (citing *Lindsay v. Carnival Corp.*, 2021 WL 2682566, at *4 (W.D. Wash. Jun. 30, 2021) and *Laver v. Credit Suisse Sec. (USA), LLC*, 976 F.3d 841, 846 (9th Cir. 2020)).

This Court should enforce the terms of the class waivers as written—leaving intact the line which the Subject Plaintiffs promised not to cross.

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